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FREE EUROPE EXILE RELATIONS

DIVISION OF FREE EUROPE COMMITTEE INC.

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3 July 1958

Dear Mr. Yarrow:

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 1958 in which you congratulate me on my work with Free Europe Committee, Inc. and on the recent advancement which the Committee has awarded me.

I have indeed given a great deal of time and energy to my duties as Deputy European Director of Free Europe Exile Relations, being moved to this by a sincere belief in the principles underlying the Committee's existence and by a deep conviction in the extraordinary importance of the activities in which the Committee has been engaged, and I am naturally most gratified to know that the Committee has accorded recognition to my work.

It is therefore with intense professional and personal regret that I am compelled to resign from the Committee.

I have observed your dismissal of Mr. James G. McCargar, European Director of Free Europe Exile Relations. I state that in the circumstances of our work in Europe this dismissal can only be interpreted as signifying an irresponsible lack of concern on the Committee's part for the realities of the Committee's position, purposes, and work in Europe.

Further, I have had intimate knowledge of the methods employed to dismiss Mr. McCargar and of the use of what I can only term as deceit and slander to this end. These methods and the apparent malicious efforts at character assassination have forced me to conclude that association with the Committee in its present orientation is insupportable and even dangerous.

The true reasons for Mr. McCargar's dismissal have still not been given me.

I am aware that you referred to them in the first instance and on the occasion of your first attempt to dismiss Mr.

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McCargar as being contained in a report written by your representative, Mr. Cloyce K. Huston, also signed by Mr. Richard S. Greenlee. Following Mr. McCargar's thorough refutation of this report in his detailed memorandum of 9 June 1958, you revised your earlier reasons for his dismissal and addressed a letter to Mr. McCargar, delivered in circumstances of incomprehensible haste and secrecy, in which you stated, along with unfounded insinuations, that his position had been abolished.

This obvious duplicity was placed in greater relief on 25 June 1958 when Mr. Huston, in attempting to give to me and to other staff members the true reasons for this dismissal, reverted to some of the earlier charges which you had previously used and dropped -- which were part of the Huston-Greenlee report and which reflect as much on me as anyone -- and gave an additional confidential reason having slanderous overtones and no basis in fact. This performance was rendered even more absurd by Mr. Huston's further assertion that the Huston-Greenlee report was in fact irrelevant, in that the decision to dismiss Mr. McCargar preceded this report. The duplicity herein involved becomes even more evident in view of Mr. Huston's simultaneous efforts to convey to Europeans that Mr. McCargar has not in fact been dismissed, and I deem it relevant here to note that Mr. Huston has throughout this performance insisted that he has been acting on your instructions.

Your handling of Mr. McCargar's dismissal can only suggest to me the extent to which any forthright explanation of the true reasons for this dismissal could entail personal embarrassment for you or higher officers of the Committee or cause grave concern on the part of your subordinate officers for the Division, its work, and its future.

Moreover, I have seen nothing since 24 June 1958, the date of assumption of charge here by Mr. Huston, which would lead me to believe that there has been any serious concern on the Committee's part for improved administration. I cannot fail to note that the deliberate concealment of a financial irregularity and the subsequent flagrant attempt at coercion in this regard, long since reported to you, have been ignored and that the author of these acts remains in this staff untouched by your administration, which obviously is unwilling to give proper support to responsible officers in their efforts to maintain the highest standards of conduct by all staff members. This matter was fully summarized for your benefit in my detailed report of 27 May 1958, which I also note has apparently been suppressed.

I note further that inequities applied to loyal and competent personnel are still the subject of interminable debate, and

no decision, and that, worse still, your staff has reneged on or has been uninformed by you of your given word as to certain of the few palliatives granted to correct these inequities.

I also note that Free Europe Exile Relations is apparently embarked upon a series of organizational changes which, despite the recommendations and warnings of this office, for which I have shared responsibility, reproduce, in an even more virulent form, the same errors against which we have pleaded for so long, and which changes in no way take cognizance of the true facts of the Committee's position in Europe today, duly reported to you. I also observe that at this time, when the uninterrupted pursuit of the Division's work in Europe -- already placed in jeopardy by your abrupt and irresponsible dismissal of Mr. McCargur -- is further imperiled by the transition to a new fiscal year for which policy and budget guidance are still lacking, and when major reorganizational changes are apparently under way, you are yourself absent from the conduct of the Division's affairs. It is no reflection on the merits of the man you have left in charge to note that he has had only one week's experience in our highly complicated work.

I have had time to witness the dismay caused among both exiles and Western Europeans by your dismissal of Mr. McCargur, who has -- and has given sufficient evidence of meriting -- greater respect and esteem and a higher professional regard on the part of the exiles and Western Europeans than anyone else in the Division, a situation which I cannot believe has escaped your sensibilities.

I have had time to assess the damage caused to the Division's programs and purposes and to the position of the Committee in Europe by the unjustified dismissal of Mr. McCargur. This single act has resulted in the wanton and inexplicable destruction of 27 months' labor by a dedicated staff under the unflagging and selfless guidance of Mr. McCargur, all of which had the single purpose of forwarding the Committee's program and effectiveness. I can assure you likewise that the damaging effect upon exile and Western European relations, and thus upon the Committee's programs, leaving aside the destruction of a fine working team within the Committee, is, and will be, more than considerable.

I have likewise had time to relate to these circumstances those of my own values, principles, and convictions which have led me for some time to engage myself in this work.

I cannot, in view of these facts and in all conscience, associate myself with the disaster which will follow upon your recent acts; nor can I associate myself with the deceit, dishonesty,

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slender, and disregard for both human and work values which have come to characterize for me the Committee's treatment of the personnel of the Paris Office.

Because of the gravity of the circumstances which have compelled me to submit this resignation, I am forwarding copies of this letter to the members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Grey
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